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The EC as a kill-joy

PURITANS ARE DESTROYING PEOPLE'S ENJOYMENT OF LIFE

"Puritanical health fanatics" are spoiling the zest for living and enjoyment of life for many people, according to a report by a group of scientists.

A spokesman for ARISE, a learned association, stated on Friday in Brussels that coffee, tea, alcohol, cigarettes and chocolate top the list of products used to combat stress. However there were puritanical movements opposed to these products.

Prominent among these was the European Community (EC). The public was being misled by "politically motivated" campaigns as regards the effects of alcohol and nicotine.

"People should be allowed a moderate amount of pleasure in life", said the spokesman of the group of scientists.

According to a poll on behalf of ARISE conducted by MORI, the British public opinion research institute, 74 percent of Europeans drink coffee, 59 percent take alcohol, 33 percent smoke, 54 percent drink tea, and 56 percent eat chocolate. Thus, as ARISE concluded, all of these five products play a major role in people's lives.

The poll was conducted in five European countries.

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